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The Department of Public Instruction is taking a strategic new direction to focus on Pre-K to Grade 3 by reorganizing existing staff in the early education sections of our department to create the Office of Early Learning. This office will combine the current staffs of the Office of School Readiness (preschool) and the Primary Section (K-2) and will develop linkages with content specialists in curriculum and instruction sections. The work of this Office will also coordinate with District and School Transformation. This Office will be a critical link to the Frank Porter Graham (FPG) Child Development Institute and to the local education agencies in reforming early education for all of NC children. A partnership with the FPG FirstSchool project will assist in developing this focus on PreK-Grade 3. Over the next three years, FirstSchool will work with NC elementary schools and LEAs to develop demonstration sites. This is possible through generous financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

This announcement was made by Dr. June Atkinson during the NC State Board Meeting on Thursday, Feb.4th. See attached press release for more information.

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